

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A front light of the invention has a light guide plate, an intermediate light guide disposed along the side end surface, and a light emitting device disposed on an end surface thereof. The  
5 pitch between grooves having a wedge shape in cross section formed on a backside of the light guide on the opposite side of the light guide plate is formed so as to be linearly varied with respect to the distance from an end surface disposed with the light emitting device to the groove. The depth of the groove is formed  
10 more deeply as the grooves are positioned more apart from the end surface. In the distribution of the depth of the groove with respect to the distance from the end surface to the groove, there are a first area where the depth of the groove is linearly increased with respect to the distance from the end surface disposed with  
15 the light emitting device to the groove, and a second area formed apart from the light emitting device more than the first area in which the increasing rate of the depth of the groove with respect to the distance from the end surface is greater than that in the first area.